

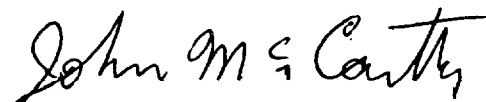
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TO : MARVIN L. MINSKY FILE

FROM : John McCarthy

SUBJECT: Proposed Joint Appointment of Marvin L. Minsky by the
Computer Science Division and the Medical School

I think the appointment of Marvin Minsky as a professor will play an important role in making Stanford a major research center in computer science. From the beginning of serious research in artificial intelligence, Minsky has been one of its major figures. He has contributed heavily in research on neural networks, on theorem proving and problem solving programs, and in the theory of automata. He has also been very successful in inspiring graduate students to do research in these areas, and he is without doubt the leading scholar in the field. In the attached paragraphs I will tell what I know of his career.


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